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REMARKS

Applicant thanks Examiner Brinich for the courtesies extended to agent Bob Sabourin in discussing the claims over the telephone on Aug. 31, 2007.

Claims 1-22, 24, 25, and 27 are pending. Claims 1-22 have been allowed. Claims 23 and 26 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The amended claims have been reworded to overcome the rejection of claims 22- 27 under 35 U.S.C. §101.

No new subject matter has been added to the application.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed but is not considered material to the patentability of the invention.

An Assignment and one page Assignment Cover Sheet are being faxed together with this response.

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It should be noted that the above arguments are directed towards certain patentable distinctions between the claims and the prior art cited. However, the patentable distinctions between the pending claims and the prior art cited are not necessarily limited to those discussed above.

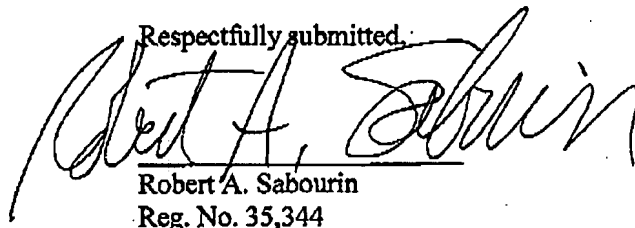
In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that each rejection of the Office Action has been addressed and overcome so that this application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, withdraw the rejections and/or objections, and pass the application to issue. Should

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questions arise during examination, the Examiner is welcome to contact the applicant's attorney as listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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